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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA-2019-HQ-0007]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Department of the Army, Army & Air Force Exchange Service (Exchange), announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Office of the General Counsel, Compliance Division, ATTN: Teresa Schreurs, 3911 South Walton Walker Blvd., Dallas, TX 75236-1598 or call the Exchange Compliance Division at 800-967-6067.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Exchange Security Clearance Process for Contractors/Vendor Personnel; Exchange Form 3900-013 “Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing (e-QIP) request”, Exchange Form 3900-002 “Trusted Associate Sponsorship System (TASS Request Form)”, Exchange Form 3900-006 “Background Check for Vendors/Contractors”; OMB Control Number 0702-0135.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for the processing of all Army and Air Force Exchange Service security clearance actions, to record security clearances issued or denied, and to verify eligibility for access to classified information or assignments to sensitive positions.

Affected Public: Individuals and/or Households; Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 1450.

Number of Respondents: 2900.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 2900.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondents are individuals and/or households affiliated with Army and Air Force Exchange Service (Exchange) by assignment, employment contractual relationship, or as a result of an inter-service support agreement on which personnel security clearance determination has been completed or is pending. Information collected is utilized to process the personnel security clearance of contractors and/or vendors to work at an Exchange facility, record the security clearances issued or denied, and to verify the eligibility for access to classified information or assignment to a sensitive position. In addition to utilizing the information for processing security clearances, the information may be used by Exchange executives for adverse personnel actions such as removal from sensitive duties, removal from contract agreement, denial to a restricted or sensitive area, and revocation of security clearance.

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